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Administrative Action
ORDER

This matter came before the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry on October 5, 1988, upon an Order to Show Cause why civil penalties should not be imposed for failure to satisfy continuing education requirements for dental hygienists. Prior investigation disclosed that certain hygienists had failed to submit proof to the Board that they had attended or participated in at least ten hours of continuing education in dental hygiene during the two year statutory registration period that concluded on December 31, 1987. The failure to submit proof of completion of the required hours of continuing education in dental hygiene may constitute violations of N.J.S.A. 45:6-56, N.J.A.C. 13:30-2.16 and N.J.A.C. 13:30-2.17.

A hearing was held on October 5, 1988, at which time the Board considered all written statements or explanations which had been submitted by certain dental hygienists. No hygienists personally appeared at the hearing.

Respondent sent in a written explanation in which she admitted that she had not obtained or completed the required hours of continuing education in dental hygiene because she had not practiced for many years and did not realize that she needed to.

Respondent declined the opportunity to appear before the Board to present factors of mitigation in the form of oral argument,

thereby waiving her right to a hearing.

The Board finding that respondent failed to submit proof to the Board that she had attended or participated in at least ten hours of continuing education in dental hygiene during the two year statutory registration period that concluded on December 31, 1987, and the Board having considered the mitigating factors in the respondent's written response to the Board, and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 20 DAY OF COT., 1988, ORDERED:

- 1. Respondent shall be offered the opportunity to be placed in inactive status. In the event respondent accepts inactive status, she shall so notify the State Board of Dentistry at 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Room 321, Newark, New Jersey 07102, within 14 days of the entry date of this Order.
- within the designated time period, she shall be and is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$300.00. Respondent shall forward to the office of the Board a certified check or money order in the aforesaid amount within 30 days of the entry date of this Order. In addition, respondent shall submit proof of completion of 10 hours of continuing education in dental hygiene within 45 days of the entry date of this Order.

 The failure to submit proof of completion of the required hours of continuing education and/or to submit the civil penalty may subject respondent to additional penalties which may include the suspension or revocation of her license to practice dental hygiene in the

ARNOLD GRAHAM, D.D.S.

PRESIDENT

STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY